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"PROOF POSITIVE!"

"THE DEAD DUKE!"

"TOMMY HAS A TEDDY BEAR!"

"LOOK OUT FOR LAKOONDA!"

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CONFORMS to the COMICS CODE

LET'S OPEN WITH THIS MACABRE MASTERPIECE WHICH PROVES THAT TOO MANY DUKES SPOIL THE BROTH! POOR EDMUND LEARNED THAT THE ONLY THING WORSE THAN BEING A KILLER IS BEING THE CORPSE!

THE DEAD DUKE!

IN HIS TOWN HOUSE IN PARIS, THE SICKLY DUKE DE FRONTIGNY LAY DYING...
WELL? HOW IS HE? IS MY FATHER ANY BETTER?
I WILL SPEAK WITH YOU OUTSIDE!

YOUR FATHER IS DYING! NOTHING ON EARTH CAN HELP HIM! NOT ALL THE WEALTH IN HIS TREASURE VAULTS CAN KEEP HIM ALIVE THROUGH THIS WEEK!
POOR FATHER! HOW HE WANTED TO LIVE!
IS THIS TRUE, DOCTOR? THERE IS NO MISTAKE?

NONE! HIS DISEASE IS INCURABLE! IT'S A PITY! YOUR FATHER WAS A GOOD MAN! AS CHARITABLE AS HE WAS WEALTHY!
NONSENCE! FATHER WAS A SENTIMENTAL OLD FOOL! HE GAVE AWAY MILLIONS OF FRANCS!
DON'T WORRY, EDMUND, YOUR FATHER IS STILL LEAVING YOU AND GERALD ONE OF THE COUNTRY'S GREATEST FORTUNES!
HOW CAN YOU SPEAK OF MONEY(SOB) AT A TIME LIKE THIS? HE WAS THE KINDEST FATHER A SON EVER HAD!
HA! LOOK WHO TALKS...THE NEXT DUKE DE FRONTIGNY! WHY SHOULD YOU COMPLAIN? YOU INHERIT THE TITLE AND MOST OF THE WEALTH! YOU ARE THE ELDEST SON!
WE WON'T DISCUSS IT, EDMUND! YOU MUST-HAVE A HEART OF STONE!
YES! I HAVE A HEART OF STONE...BUT I'LL SOON CHANGE IT TO GOLD! I WON'T STAND SECOND IN LINE FOR MY INHERITANCE! I'LL STAND FIRST AND ALONE!
AS DARKNESS FELL, EDMUND HURRIED TO LEAVE THE GREAT HOUSE, ITS DOORS GUARDED BY UNIFORMED MEN-AT-ARMS!
DON'T GO INTO THE STREETS NOW, SIRE! THE RABBLE ARE IN AN UGLY MOOD...THEY'VE TAKEN TO STONING ALL ARISTOCRATS!
CURSES ON THE COWARDLY DOGS! LET GO, YOU FOOL, OR I'LL HAVE YOU FLOGGED!
AND AS EDMUND WAS DRIVEN OFF IN HIS CARRIAGE...
TO THE DOCKS ON THE SEINE...QUICKLY!
YES, SIRE! I PRAY WE CAN GET THROUGH! THE PEOPLE HAVE GONE CRAZY!
DOWN WITH THE ARISTOCRATS! DOWN WITH THOSE WHO RIDE IN CARRIAGES!
CURSE THE STUPID RABBLE! IF I HAD MY WAY, I'D BUTCHER THE LOT OF THEM! I'D TURN OUT THE ARMY AND ROUTE THEM LIKE RABBITS! THE FOUL-SMELLING KNOW-NOTHINGS!
CRASH!

PLEASE, SIRE...DON'T VENTURE INTO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD...NOW ESPECIALLY! AND THESE PEOPLE ARE CUTTHROATS AND PIRATES BY PROFESSION!
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS! WAIT HERE FOR ME!
IN A SMALL, EVIL, DOCKSIDE INN...
WELL, MONSIEUR... WITH ALL PARIS IN A MURDEROUS MOOD, WE HARDLY EXPECTED YOU TO SHOW UP!
IT IS BUT YOUR MURDERING MOOD THAT CONCERNS ME! HERE'S YOUR GOLD, PIG...LET THERE BE NO SLIP-UPS!
FOR THIS KIND OF PAY? WHERE'S THE REST OF IT? SURLY THE NEXT DUKE DE FRONTIGNY CAN AFFORD BETTER THAN THIS!
WHEN THE JOB IS DONE! SHOW ME ABSOLUTE EVIDENCE OF SUCCESS AT LE CAFE BLEU TOMORROW NIGHT AND YOU'LL GET THE BALANCE!
SIRE, YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND! YOU'LL SEE US TOMORROW ...IF YOU DON'T GET YOUR THROAT CUT TONIGHT!
THESE REBELLIOUS CATTLE WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY FIRING SQUADS! THEY DO NOT FRIGHTEN ME!
AT THIS TIME, A WEEK FROM NOW, I SHALL BE THE DUKE DE FRONTIGNY! I'LL RETIRE TO ONE OF MY ESTATES, THE ONE IN PROVENCE PERHAPS ...AND LEAVE ALL THIS UNPLEASANTNESS BEHIND! AH, YES! LIFE WILL BEGIN FOR EDMUND DE FRONTIGNY!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AT THE SUPPER TABLE, AN URGENT MESSAGE IS DELIVERED TO GERALD!
TROUBLE, GERALD? YOU'VE TURNED PALE!
IT'S FROM MONIQUE... SHE'S IN TROUBLE! I MUST GO TO HER AT ONCE!
MADEMOISELLE'S COACH AWAITS OUTSIDE, SIRE!
WH...WHAT! WHO ARE YOU?
NEVER MIND! JUST GET IN THE COACH!

Y-YOU'RE NOT FROM MONIQUE! YOU'RE... AH-H-H!
QUICK! TOSS HIM IN THE CARRIAGE AND LET'S OUT OF HERE!
I DON'T LIKE EDMUND DE FRONTIGNY! EVEN LESS DO I LIKE KILLING HIS BROTHER FOR HIM! HE'D THINK NOTHING OF BETRAYING US...AND WE'D ALL MEET THE GUILLOTINE!
THEN WHAT DO WE DO? WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THIS ONE!
WE WILL! WE'LL PUT HIM ON A SHIP BOUND FOR CHINA! THAT WILL KEEP HIM OUT OF FRANCE FOR A YEAR! WE'LL JUST REPORT HIM DEAD!
THE FOLLOWING DAY, THE ALREADY SORROWING DE FRONTIGNY FAMILY RECEIVED A TRAGIC REPORT! EVIDENCE HAD BEEN FOUND THAT INDICATED ALMOST BEYOND DOUBT THAT GERALD WAS DEAD...THE VICTIM OF A MURDEROUS GROUP OF THUGS!
GERALD IS DEAD! THAT MAKES YOU SOLE HEIR TO YOUR FATHER'S TITLE AND WEALTH, EDMUND!
YES...UNFORTUNATE FOR GERALD! FORTUNATE FOR ME! THAT'S FATE FOR YOU!
THAT NIGHT IN A DARK CORNER OF LE CAFE BLEU...
HMM... THESE ARE GERALD'S CLOTHES, BUT I SEE NO BLOOD! IF...
WE GARROTED YOUR BROTHER! SUFFOCATION DRAWS NO BLOOD! THE REST OF THE GOLD IF YOU PLEASE!
IT'S ALL HERE! GOOD! HOW'S YOUR FATHER? IS HE STILL AMONG THE LIVING?
FOR ANOTHER DAY, AT MOST! IF I WANT YOU AGAIN, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT...
IT IS ALL OVER! THE DUKE IS DEAD!
NOT QUITE, DOCTOR!
WITH GERALD DEAD, MY FATHER LIVES ON IN ME, HIS SECOND SON, EDMUND DE FRONTIGNY! THE TITLE GOES TO ME!

POOR GERALD! I WONDER WHERE HIS BONES ARE LYING NOW?
WHAT DIFFERENCE? HIS MISFORTUNE IS MY GOOD LUCK!
DE FRONTIGNY
I AM NOT TO BE DISTURBED! IS THAT CLEAR?
YES, SIRE!
MILLIONS UPON MILLIONS OF FRANCS! AND THIS IS ONLY ONE OF A DOZEN SUCH TREASURE VAULTS! THERE IS NOTHING NOW I CANNOT HAVE! NOTHING!
CREEAKK!
WHO IS THERE? I SAID I DIDN'T WANT TO BE DISTURBED!
SILENCE, DE FRONTIGNY! YOU WILL NO LONGER GIVE ORDERS! NOR WILL YOU ENJOY YOUR WEALTH! THIS DAY, JULY 14TH, 1789, WILL CHANGE THE HISTORY OF FRANCE!
W-WHO'RE YOU? GET OUT! I'LL HAVE YOU ALL THROWN INTO THE BASTILLE!
THE BASTILLE HAS JUST FALLEN TO US! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST, DUKE DE FRONTIGNY, BY ORDER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE!
T-THE REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE? WAIT! THE DUKEDOM IS HARDLY MINE! MY-MY FATHER JUST DIED!
TOO BAD! IF YOUR ELDER BROTHER WERE ALIVE WE'D TAKEN HIM INSTEAD OF YOU, TO THE GUILLOTINE!
WAIT! WAIT! DON'T KILL ME! I'M ONLY THE DUKE BY ACCIDENT!
YOU ARE THE DIRECT HEIR... AND AS A TITLED NOBLEMAN YOU MUST DIE!
AND SO EDMUND DE FRONTIGNY COLLECTED HIS INHERITANCE IN FULL!
THE END

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THE VOICE

It was just another Friday evening in Thatchersville. Almost, that is. The citizens of this quiet and peaceful New England town sat relaxing in their parlors after a week of work, listening to the radio. The men smoked their pipes, lazily, wriggling their toes in warm bedroom slippers; children played with toys in the middle of the floor, and the good women of Thatchersville, sewed, darned, or knitted, secure and happy in the bosoms of their families.

"This is station WOXP," the announcer's voice said. "Stay tuned for the news immediately following."

But instead of the enthusiastic voice of the news commentator, a dark, ominous voice was heard throughout the town.

"This is station X," the voice began. "Announcing the approaching death of Mr. George Farnaby."

At the sound of the familiar name of the town's mayor, the citizens of Thatchersville put down their pipes and their knitting and turned up the volume on their radios. Again the strange voice made its pronouncement of doom.

"This is station X, announcing the approaching death of George Farnaby." Then there were weird noises resembling the rumble of a far away explosion.

Jasper Reems turned to his wife, his face ashen.

"Whatdya suppose it is, Nora?" he asked in a shaken whisper.

"Oh, Pshaw!" the rotund, optimistic woman declared. "Some prankster has forgotten Hollowe-en's a month off. "Wouldn't let it worry me a bit, dear," she finished matter-of-factly and picked up her knitting again.

The doorbell clanged and Jasper rose from his rocking chair and peered through the curtain.

It was Harry Beck, his neighbor, who had heard the broadcast too.

"Didya hear that horrible voice comin' over the air a minute ago?" he asked, his eyes wide with fear.

"Yep. C'mon in outta the cold, Harry. Nora says there ain't nothin' to it. No reason to get yourself all upset. Nora!" Jasper called. "Harry's here."

"Nora, Jasper says you heard it too, that feller talkin' about poor Farnaby's death. Somebody oughta find out where that broadcast came from and who that announcer was," Harry said seriously. He was obviously convinced that the whole thing was some evil power come to earth to harrass the souls of men.

"Ain't nothin' to worry about," Nora said with the same confidence with which she clicked her needles. "As I was tellin' Jasper before you came, it's some jokester, thinkin' he's played a good one on Farnaby. The paper will have something about it in the morning. Those reporter fellows will dig up the truth behind it. Now rest yourself and I'll fix up a pot of hot chocolate."

"I ain't so sure," Harry said after Nora's gingham clad shape had disappeared into the kitchen. "I just ain't so sure this isn't the grim reaper hisself, come to earth to punish us all."

"Nonsense," Jasper scoffed, but he wasn't convinced the broadcast did not portend some unnatural end to the citizens of Thatchersville.

The next morning, Jasper went to the mailbox to get the morning paper. The headlines carried news of the death of George Farnaby.

"Look, Nora, look!" Jasper yelled running through the house, waving the paper in front of him. "It happened. That radio feller said it was going to and it did!"

"Calm down, Jasper. Goodness, I can't understand what you're saying. Now what's in the paper?" Nora questioned calmly.

"Poor old George Farnaby's dead. That's what. And all because of that station X. Look here, Nora. Says police are investigating the strange broadcast at 9:00 P.M. last evening. It did not come from the local station, or any station in the vicinity. Now whatdya know about that? What'd I tell ya. It meant no good, and I knew it, yessir. Goes on to say that cause of death was heart failure.

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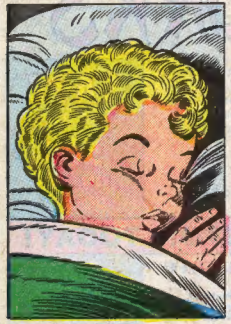
IT IS SEVERAL HOURS AFTER BEDTIME AND TOMMY LODGE LIES SLUMBERING PEACEFULLY...



BUT WAIT!...THAT SHADOW... BESTIAL, MENACING... A **BEAR**?...

...WELL, YES, BUT NOT THE KIND ITS SHADOW WOULD SUGGEST...

...YOU SEE IT'S JUST A TOY, AND TOMMY PUTS IT ON HIS DRESSER EVERY EVENING BECAUSE...

TOMMY HAS A TEDDY BEAR

WITH FURTIVE HASTE THE SLEEPING CHILD IS TORN FROM THE WARMTH AND SAFETY OF HIS BED...

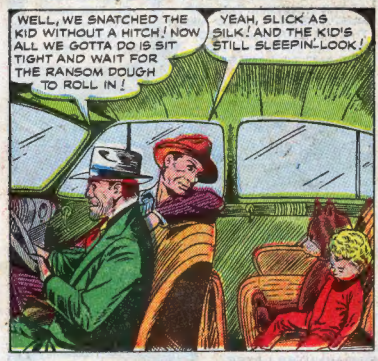
WITH SERPENTINE STEALTH THE EVIL FIGURES REMOVE THEIR PRECIOUS BURDEN FROM THE ROOM...

...OUT INTO THE NIGHT...

TO A WAITING CAR THAT SWIFTY ROARS AWAY TO BE SWALLOWED BY THE HUNGRY DARKNESS...

WELL, WE SNATCHED THE KID WITHOUT A HITCH! NOW ALL WE GOTTA DO IS SIT TIGHT AND WAIT FOR THE RANSOM DOUGH TO ROLL IN!

YEAH, SLICK AS SILK! AND THE KID'S STILL SLEEPIN-LOOK!



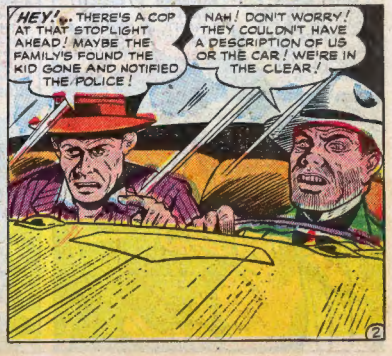
LUCKY FOR US HE... HEY! WHERE'D THE TEDDY BEAR COME FROM... DID YOU SNATCH IT TOO?

NO! ... I THOUGHT YOU BROUGHT IT!

OH WELL, IT DON'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE! IT'S PROBABLY A GOOD THING... IT'LL KEEP THE KID BUSY PLAYIN' WITH IT IF HE WAKES UP!

HEY!.. THERE'S A COP AT THAT STOPLIGHT AHEAD! MAYBE THE FAMILY'S FOUND THE KID GONE AND NOTIFIED THE POLICE!

NAH! DON'T WORRY! THEY COULDN'T HAVE A DESCRIPTION OF US OR THE CAR! WE'RE IN THE CLEAR!



I'LL STOP FOR THE LIGHT SO HE WON'T GET SUSPICIOUS!
YEAH, BUT HE'S SURE GIVIN' US A LONG LOOK!
LAUNDRY
STOP!
STEP ON IT!
NOW WE'LL HAVE EVERY PROWL CAR IN TOWN ON OUR TAIL!
WHAT A LOUSY BREAK! HOW DO YOU THINK HE SPOTTED US? HEY... LOOK!...
BANG
THE KID'S TEDDY BEAR, UP AT THE WINDOW... THE COP MUST'A BEEN ALERTED ABOUT THE KID BEIN' SNATCHED, SAW THE BEAR AND PUT TWO AND TWO TOGETHER!
B-BUT HE WAS ON THE SEAT WITH THE KID! ...HOW'D HE GET UP THERE?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT NEVER MIND THAT NOW! WE GOTTA GET OUTTA HERE FAST!... THERE'S A PROWL CAR BEHIND US!
W-WHERE AM I?... I WANT MOMMY!
OH, OH! MORE TROUBLE! NOW THE KID'S WAKIN' UP!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
I THINK WE SHOOK 'EM WHEN WE CUT OFF THE PARKWAY! WE'LL HAVE TO HOOF IT FROM HERE! THEY'LL GET US FOR SURE IF WE STICK TO THE ROAD!
OKAY! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE KID?
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THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WE CAN DO WITH HIM! ...IF HE'S ALIVE, HE CAN IDENTIFY US!
YEAH, I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT!
TURN AROUND, SONNY! THIS'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE!
YOU LEAVE ME ALONE! I KNOW YOU'RE GONNA HURT ME WITH THAT GUN!...IF YOU DO, MY TEDDY BEAR WILL EAT YOU UP!
YEAH, YEAH! SURE, KID, WE'RE SCARED TO DEATH!... NOW, LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!
ALRIGHT, I WARNED YOU! HELP! TEDDY! HELP!
HURRY UP AND LET HIM HAVE IT! SOMEONE'S LIABLE TO HEAR HIM YELLING!
I'M TRYING TO, BUT THE LITTLE BRAT WON'T STAY IN ONE PLACE...AND...
...YEOW LOOK!
SHOOT IT! ...QUICK!
HELP! BULLETS AIN'T STOPPIN' HIM!
BANG!
BANG
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LATER...
THERE'S THE CAR!
AND THERE'S THE BOY... SAFE! THE KIDNAPERS MUST HAVE BEAT IT INTO THE WOODS!
NO THEY DIDN'T...THEY'RE OVER THERE...
HUH?
...OVER BEHIND THOSE BUSHES!
YE GODS! ...WHAT HAPPENED TO 'EM? ...THEY'RE TORN TO PIECES!
THEY WERE GOING TO HURT ME, SO I HAD MY TEDDY BEAR EAT THEM UP!
A TEDDY BEAR? HA, HA! YOU'VE BEEN DREAMING, SON! THOSE HOODS LOOK MORE LIKE THEY WERE PUT THROUGH A MEAT GRINDER!
HEY, SARGE! COME HERE A MINUTE, WILL YA! I FOUND THE TEDDY BEAR THE KID WAS TALKING ABOUT!
BETTER BE CAREFUL! THE BOY SAYS THAT BEAR'S A PRETTY TOUGH CUSTOMER!
THESE KIDS SURE HAVE VIVID IMAGINATIONS...
HOLY COW! THIS TEDDY BEAR IS RIDDLED WITH BULLETS!
A...AND THE MOUTH AND PAWS ARE COVERED WITH... REAL BLOOD!
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"I wonder what this means, Jasper," Nora said wringing her hands. "Broadcasts coming from nowhere. Good citizens of Thatchersville dying in the night. I don't like it, Jasper. I'm frightened," Nora sobbed.

"Now, now, Nora. Don't cry. Everything'll be alright. You'll see. The detectives will find out who has done this terrible thing and then everything'll be alright again."

That evening, Jasper hesitated before turning on the radio. But finally his curiosity got the better of him and he turned the knob with trembling fingers.

At exactly 9:00 after the announcement of the news broadcast, the sinister voice was heard once more throughout the quiet town.

"This is station X, announcing the approaching death of Mrs. Millie Carter." There was a moment of silence and the announcement was repeated, slowly, and precisely.

"Oh, Jasper, no! Not Millie." Frantically, Nora threw a shawl about her shoulders and ran out into the chilly September night.

"Nora, come back!" Jasper called, and ran coatless after her.

Mrs. Mildred Carter lived several blocks away in an old bleak house left by her late husband. She lived with her son, Dru, a mentally retarded boy of eighteen who spent most of his time fishing and hunting.

Dru answered the door, a witless grin covering his shapeless features. He giggled when he saw Nora standing in the doorway.

"Ma! Ma!" he bellowed. "Missus Reems come ta see ya."

"Millie did you have your radio on a moment ago?" Nora asked breathlessly.

"Why, Nora! What are you doing out this time of night? Come in," she offered, smiling. "Dru start the tea on the stove."

"Millie, please answer me. Did you have your radio on a moment ago?" Nora asked again.

"Why no, Nora. I didn't. Was there some good program on I missed? You look so pale, Nora. What's the matter?"

Again Dru giggled and looked first at his mother then at Nora Reems.

"I heard it, Ma. I heard it. The man on the radio sez you're gonna die, that's what he said." The significance of what he was saying did not occur to the boy. He was excited because he heard his mother's name over the radio.

"What's that you say, Dru?" Mrs. Carter asked. "What man on the radio, when?"

"A little while ago, Ma. I heard 'im. He sez Mrs. Millie Carter is gonna die." Then before his mother could ask any more questions, Dru slipped quietly out of the room and went into the kitchen to make the tea.

"It's true, Millie. The voice came again at 9:00 o'clock and it was your name this time," Nora explained.

The doorbell rang before Nora could say any more. It was Jasper.

"Nora, it's dangerous for you to be here!" Jasper cried and took his wife's arm to lead her out of the house.

"Jasper, I'm ashamed of you. Leave poor Millie here alone? I should say not. We're both going to stay right here with her until the morning and we know she's safe. Why this Mr. X may be some murderer. The police should be here soon, anyway. We'll wait a bit."

"You're right, Nora. We'll stay till the police come," Jasper agreed.

"I wish I knew what this is all about," Mrs. Carter said with a bewildered expression.

"Don't worry, Millie. It's alright. Nothing's going to happen." Jasper just finished his sentence when he felt some presence in the room. He whirled instinctively and faced a figure clothed completely in black except for a silver helmet that covered its face.

Nora screamed and fainted. Mrs. Carter sat motionless, frozen with terror.

"I've come, you see," the figure said in the same eerie voice that had come mysteriously over the radio.

"But w-who are you?" Jasper managed to whisper.

"I am Stiro from the planet Zorg. Soon all of Earth will succumb to our war of fear. We shall conquer you without lifting a finger. Look," Stiro commanded pointing to Mrs. Carter. "She had died of fright."

Jasper turned as Mrs. Carter's rigid body fell to the floor.

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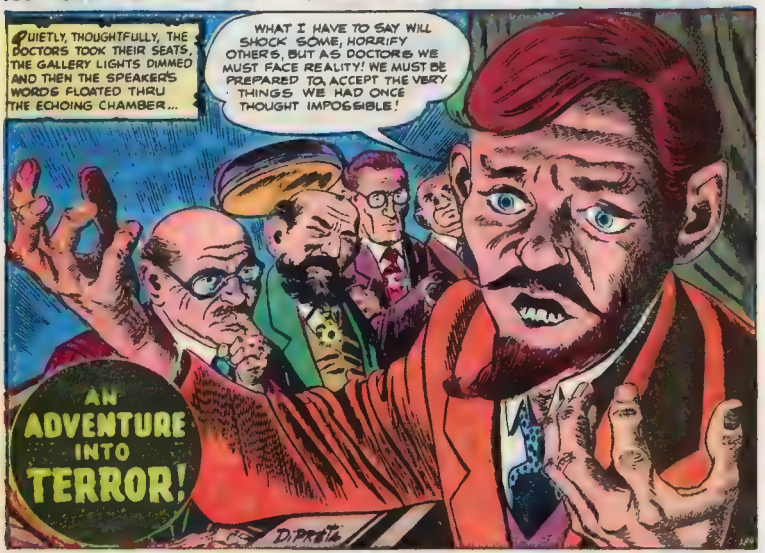
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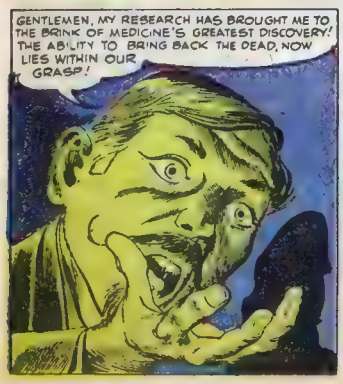
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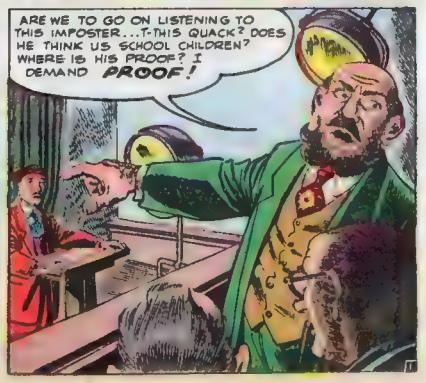

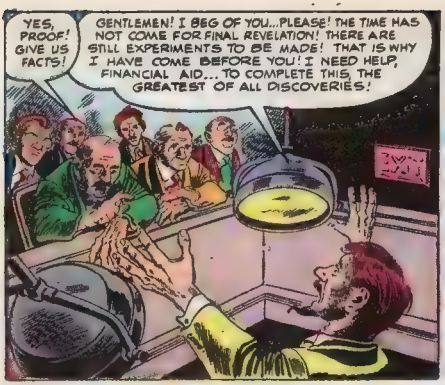
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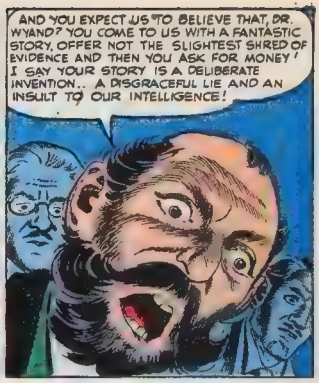
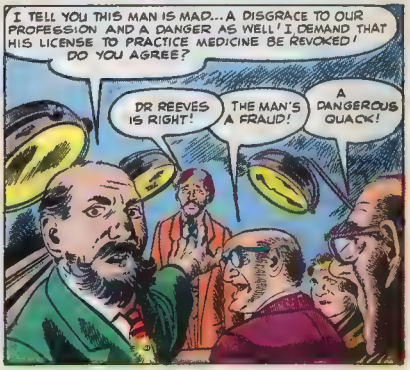
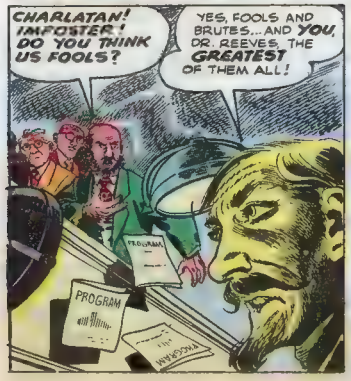

AND YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THAT, DR. WYAND? YOU COME TO US WITH A FANTASTIC STORY, OFFER NOT THE SLIGHTEST SHRED OF EVIDENCE AND THEN YOU ASK FOR MONEY! I SAY YOUR STORY IS A DELIBERATE INVENTION.. A DISGRACEFUL LIE AND AN INSULT TO OUR INTELLIGENCE!

BUT THE EVIDENCE WILL BE PRESENTED! ALL IT REQUIRES IS A LITTLE MORE WORK! I HAVE GIVEN IT ALL OF MY TIME...MY FUNDS HAVE RUN OUT...I NEED YOUR HELP!


I TELL YOU THIS MAN IS MAD...A DISGRACE TO OUR PROFESSION AND A DANGER AS WELL! I DEMAND THAT HIS LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE BE REVOKED! DO YOU AGREE?
DR REEVES IS RIGHT!
THE MAN'S A FRAUD!
A DANGEROUS QUACK!


CHARLATAN! IMPOSTER! DO YOU THINK US FOOLS?
YES, FOOLS AND BRUTES...AND YOU, DR. REEVES, THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL!
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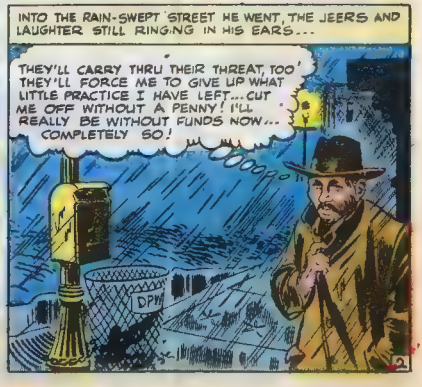
INTO THE RAIN-SWEPT STREET HE WENT, THE JEERS AND LAUGHTER STILL RINGING IN HIS EARS...
THEY'LL CARRY THRU THEIR THREAT, TOO! THEY'LL FORCE ME TO GIVE UP WHAT LITTLE PRACTICE I HAVE LEFT...CUT ME OFF WITHOUT A PENNY! I'LL REALLY BE WITHOUT FUNDS NOW... COMPLETELY SO!
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TWO DAYS LATER, IN DR. REEVES' SUMPTUOUS HOME...
THERE'S NO POINT GOING OVER IT, DR. EVANS! THE BOARD HAS VOTED THAT DR. WYAND'S LICENSE BE REVOKED, AND THAT'S THE END OF IT!
THE OTHER MEMBERS WERE WILLING TO RECONSIDER, BUT AS PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, YOUR INSISTENCE GAVE THEM NO CHOICE! MIND YOU, I'M NOT IN SYMPATHY WITH DR. WYAND'S SPECTACULAR ANNOUNCEMENT, BUT AS A DOCTOR, HE HAS ALWAYS PERFORMED WELL!
TO REMOVE A MAN'S ONLY SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD IS A SERIOUS BUSINESS! I WOULD SAY THE BOARD'S DECISION WAS SOMEWHAT STAMPEDED!
THINK WHAT YOU WISH, DR. EVANS! THE CASE IS CLOSED!
THUS, SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED, AND ONCE AGAIN THE SOCIETY MET FOR ONE OF THEIR REGULAR MEETINGS...
I MUST CONFESS THAT OUR LAST MEETING WAS A BIT MORE HECTIC, THOUGH ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS WERE FEW! TONIGHT, HOWEVER, IN VOTING FOR ME PRESIDENT FOR ANOTHER YEAR, IT SHOWS THAT SANITY HAS BEEN RESTORED! THANK YOU, GENTLEMEN, AND GOOD NIGHT!
BUT WHEN THE MEMBERS PREPARED TO LEAVE...
YOU'LL FORGIVE ME, DR. REEVES, BUT I'VE BEEN ASKING SEVERAL OF THE MEMBERS ABOUT DR. WYAND! NO ONE HAS SEEN HIM FOR MONTHS!
DISAPPEARED, EH? GUESS HE KNOWS BETTER THAN TO SHOW HIS FACE!
MEDICAL SOCIET
BUT SURELY YOU CAN'T BE THAT DISINTERESTED? AFTER ALL, THE MAN WAS A MEMBER OF OUR GROUP! IN THE POSITION HE WAS LEFT, ANYTHING COULD HAVE HAPPENED!
AND IT WOULDN'T PHASE ME IN THE LEAST!
THE MAN WASN'T DESERVING OF HIS CALLING, AND WHATEVER HIS FATE, HE'S WELCOME TO IT! AND IN THE FUTURE, DR. EVANS, I'LL THANK YOU NOT TO BRING THE SUBJECT UP AGAIN! GOOD NIGHT!
THEN, TURNING BRISKLY ON HIS HEELS, DOCTOR REEVES WALKED IN THE DIRECTION OF HOME!
THE BLITHERING IDIOT! WORRYING ABOUT A MADMAN LIKE WYAND! IT'S ENOUGH TO TURN ONE'S STOMACH!
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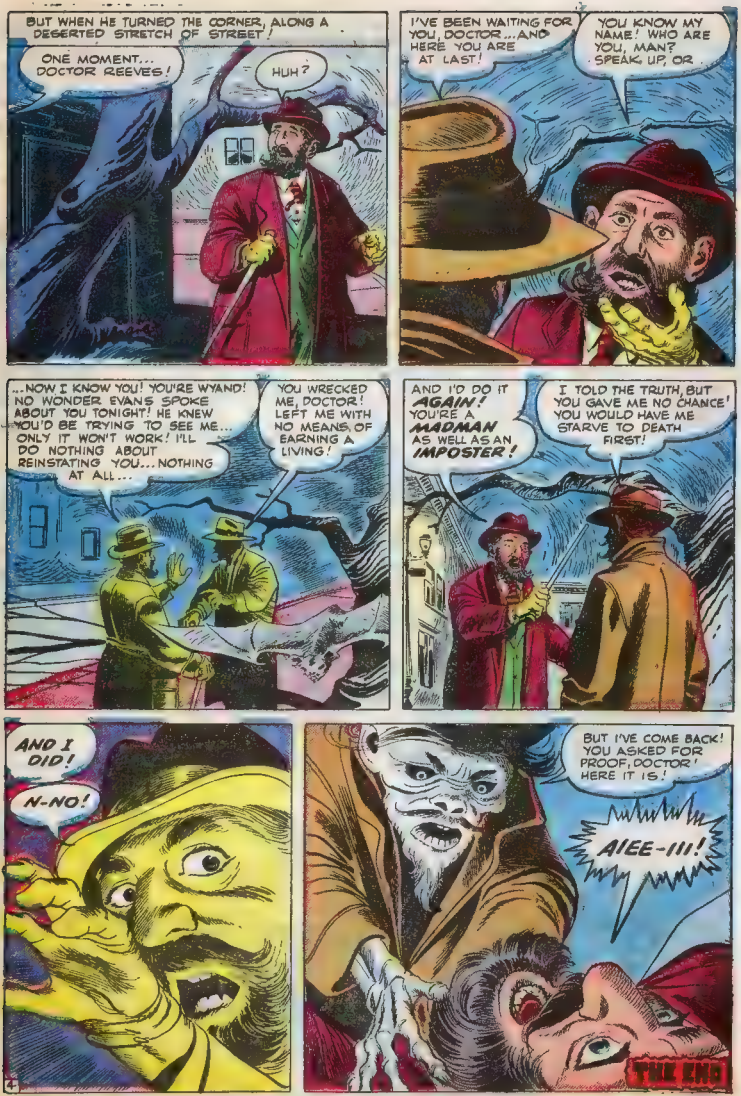
BUT WHEN HE TURNED THE CORNER, ALONG A DESERTED STRETCH OF STREET!
ONE MOMENT... DOCTOR REEVES!
HUH?
I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, DOCTOR... AND HERE YOU ARE AT LAST!
YOU KNOW MY NAME! WHO ARE YOU, MAN? SPEAK UP, OR
...NOW I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE WYAND! NO WONDER EVANS SPOKE ABOUT YOU TONIGHT! HE KNEW YOU'D BE TRYING TO SEE ME... ONLY IT WON'T WORK! I'LL DO NOTHING ABOUT REINSTATING YOU... NOTHING AT ALL...
YOU WRECKED ME, DOCTOR! LEFT ME WITH NO MEANS OF EARNING A LIVING!
AND I'D DO IT AGAIN! YOU'RE A MADMAN AS WELL AS AN IMPOSTER!
I TOLD THE TRUTH, BUT YOU GAVE ME NO CHANCE! YOU WOULD HAVE ME STARVE TO DEATH FIRST!
AND I DID!
N-NO!
BUT I'VE COME BACK! YOU ASKED FOR PROOF, DOCTOR! HERE IT IS!
AIEE-III!
THE END

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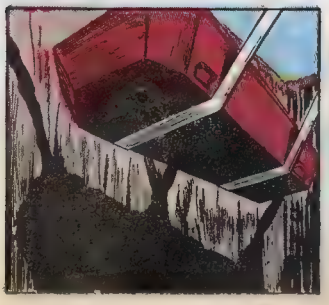
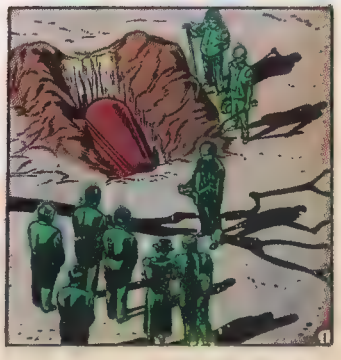
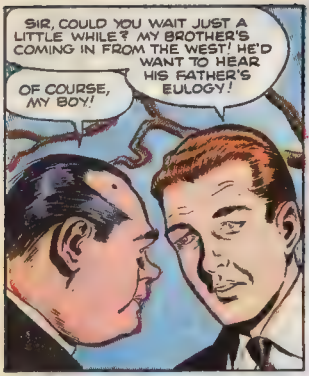
WE CAN HARDLY WAIT

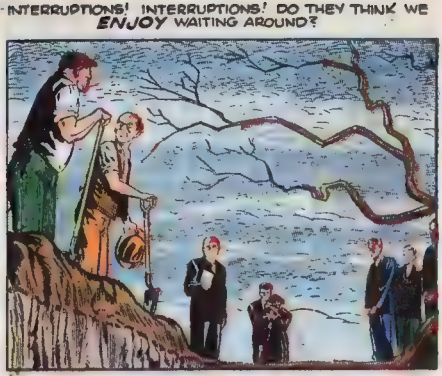
SLOWLY, SLOWLY...THE COFFIN SLIDES DOWN INTO THE EARTH! THE FRESH LACQUER SMELLS SHARP IN THE DANK UNDERGROUND...THE GRAVE WAITS...

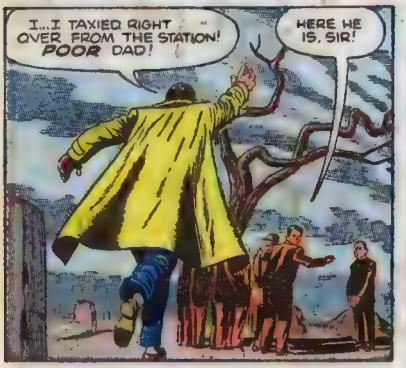


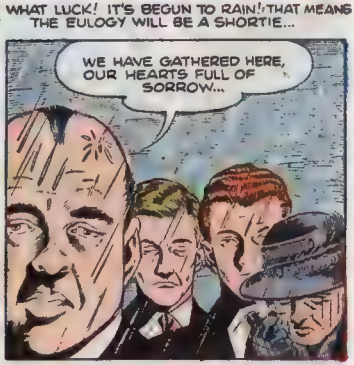
NOW FOR THE EULOGY. SLOWLY THE PRIEST CLEARS HIS THROAT... WHY ARE BURIALS ALWAYS CONDUCTED IN SLOW MOTION? WHY ALL THIS STUPID POMP AND CEREMONY? WE CAN HARDLY WAIT...



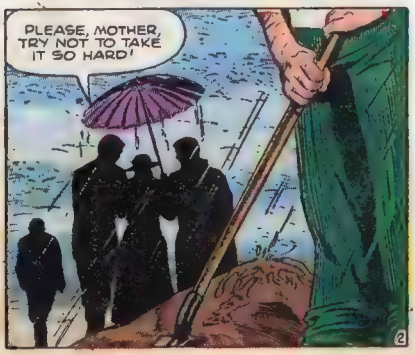

SIR, COULD YOU WAIT JUST A LITTLE WHILE? MY BROTHER'S COMING IN FROM THE WEST! HE'D WANT TO HEAR HIS FATHER'S EULOGY!
OF COURSE, MY BOY!


INTERRUPTIONS! INTERRUPTIONS! DO THEY THINK WE ENJOY WAITING AROUND?

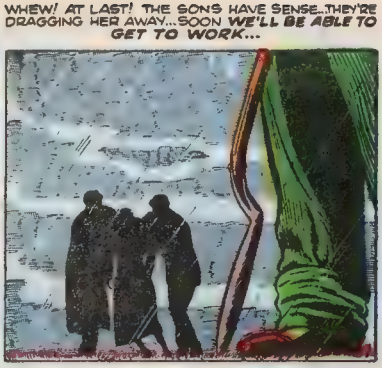

I...I TAXIED RIGHT OVER FROM THE STATION! POOR DAD!
HERE HE IS, SIR!

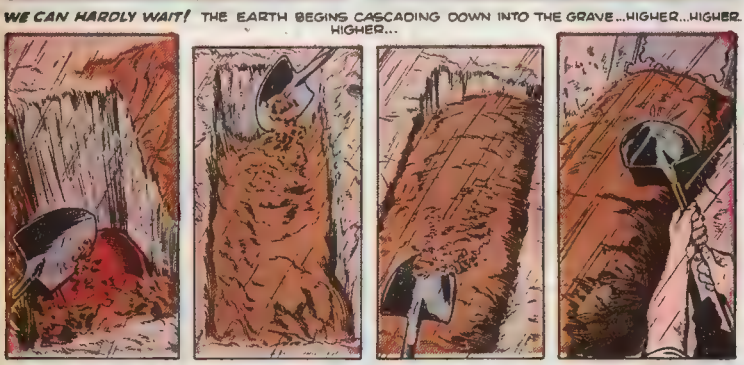

WHAT LUCK! IT'S BEGUN TO RAIN! THAT MEANS THE EULOGY WILL BE A SHORTIE...
WE HAVE GATHERED HERE, OUR HEARTS FULL OF SORROW...

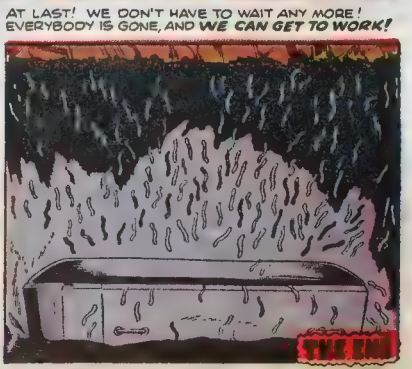
NOW THE FIRST SHOVELFUL OF EARTH... PEBBLES RATTLE ON THE COFFIN LID, AS THE WIDOW SOBS ABOVE THE GROUND...


AT LAST... THEY'RE LEAVING!
PLEASE, MOTHER, TRY NOT TO TAKE IT SO HARD!

OH-OH... WE SPOKE TOO SOON...
WAIT! MY MOTHER WANTS TO SEE THE OPEN GRAVE AGAIN!
SO WE HAVE TO WAIT SOME MORE..
G...GOOD-BYE, JOHN! I'LL ALWAYS... (SOB!)... LOVE YOU...
PLEASE, MOTHER...LET'S GO NOW! DAD'S BETTER OFF WHERE HE IS! YOU KNOW THE TERRIBLE AGONY HE WENT THRU! NOTHING CAN HURT HIM ANY MORE!
WE...(SOB)...HAD SUCH A WONDERFUL LIFE TOGETHER!
HERE IT COMES... THE OLD GRANDSTAND ACT!
I WON'T LEAVE YOU, JOHN! I WON'T! I DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITHOUT YOU!







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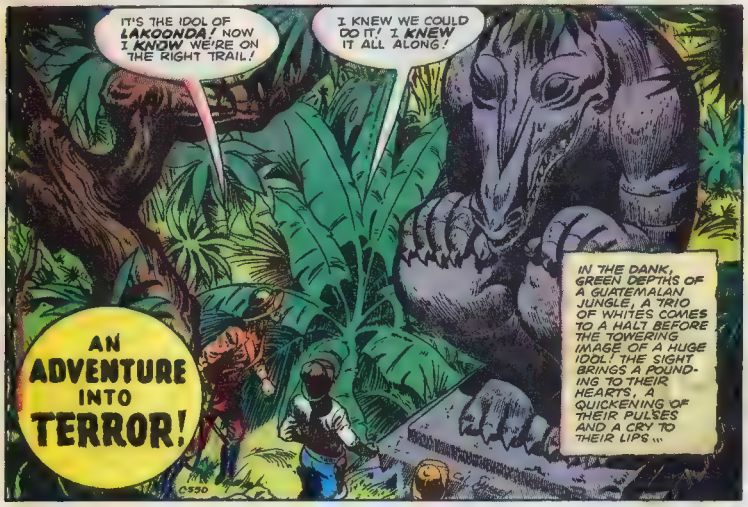
LOOK OUT FOR LAKOONDA


IT'S THE IDOL OF LAKOONDA! NOW I KNOW WE'RE ON THE RIGHT TRAIL!
I KNEW WE COULD DO IT! I KNEW IT ALL ALONG!
IN THE DANK, GREEN DEPTHS OF A GUATEMALAN JUNGLE, A TRIO OF WHITES COMES TO A HALT BEFORE THE TOWERING IMAGE OF A HUGE IDOL! THE SIGHT BRINGS A POUNDING TO THEIR HEARTS, A QUICKENING OF THEIR PULSES AND A CRY TO THEIR LIPS...
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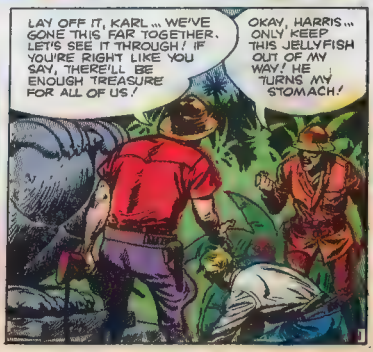
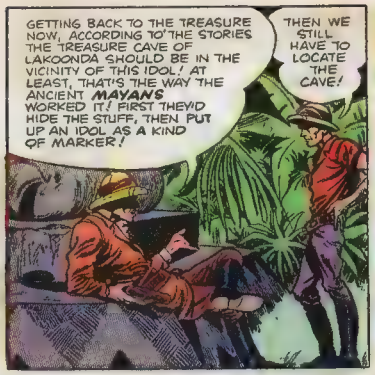
WHERE DO YOU GET THAT WE STUFF? YOU WERE READY TO CALL IT QUITS THREE WEEKS AGO! ALL YOU DID WAS BELLYACHE AND GRIPE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING!
BUT I STUCK IT OUT, KARL. I... I DIDN'T QUIT!

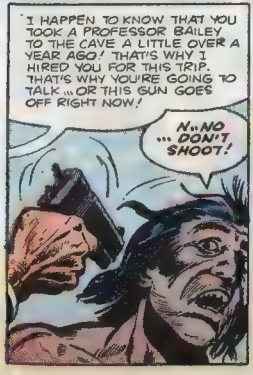

LAY OFF IT, KARL... WE'VE GONE THIS FAR TOGETHER. LET'S SEE IT THROUGH! IF YOU'RE RIGHT LIKE YOU SAY, THERE'LL BE ENOUGH TREASURE FOR ALL OF US!
OKAY, HARRIS... ONLY KEEP THIS JELLYFISH OUT OF MY WAY! HE TURNS MY STOMACH!

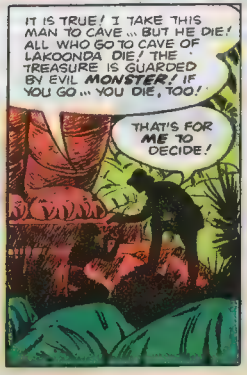

GETTING BACK TO THE TREASURE NOW, ACCORDING TO THE STORIES THE TREASURE CAVE OF LAKOONDA SHOULD BE IN THE VICINITY OF THIS IDOL! AT LEAST, THAT'S THE WAY THE ANCIENT MAYANS WORKED IT! FIRST THEY'D HIDE THE STUFF, THEN PUT UP AN IDOL AS A KIND OF MARKER!
THEN WE STILL HAVE TO LOCATE THE CAVE!

THAT'LL BE EASY! YOU, CACHI ... C'MERE! IT'S TIME WE HAD OUR LITTLE TALK!

I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE, CACHI, SO YOU ANSWER MY QUESTION AND WE'LL STAY GOOD FRIENDS! YOU'RE A MAYAN, CACHI. YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THIS IDOL AND THE TREASURE THAT GOES WITH IT! NOW HOW ABOUT TAKING US TO IT?
CACHI DON'T KNOW! T...THAT IS TRUTH!

YOU'RE LYING TO ME, CACHI ... AND I HATE LIARS!
OH... HHH!


I HAPPEN TO KNOW THAT YOU TOOK A PROFESSOR BAILEY TO THE CAVE A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO! THAT'S WHY I HIRED YOU FOR THIS TRIP. THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO TALK ... OR THIS GUN GOES OFF RIGHT NOW!
N...NO ... DON'T SHOOT!


IT IS TRUE! I TAKE THIS MAN TO CAVE ... BUT HE DIE! ALL WHO GO TO CAVE OF LAKOONDA DIE! THE TREASURE IS GUARDED BY EVIL MONSTER! IF YOU GO ... YOU DIE, TOO!
THAT'S FOR ME TO DECIDE!

FOR THE LAST TIME ... ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE ME TO THE CAVE?
I ... I ... GASP ... ALL RIGHT ... I TAKE YOU!
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SO THE JOURNEY BEGINS... THROUGH TANGLED JUNGLE AND SNARLING VINES THE TWISTING TRAIL SNAKES FORWARD... THE LONG HOURS PASS...
"THAT STUFF CACHI SAID ABOUT A MONSTER ... WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, KARL?
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BUT WHAT ABOUT PROFESSOR BAILEY? IT'S TRUE WHAT CACHI SAID! HE NEVER RETURNED FROM THAT LAST EXPEDITION!
LOOK, HARRIS ... A MILLION AND ONE THINGS COULD HAVE HAPPENED! THE POINT IS, I DON'T CARE! IF YOU'RE GETTING COLD FEET YOU CAN DROP OUT NOW ... ONLY DON'T EXPECT ANY SPLIT FROM ME!
THEN...
KARL... HARRIS! UP AHEAD... THE CAVE!
COME ON!
THE CAVE OF LAKOONA ... AND A FORTUNE WAITING TO BE TAKEN!
YEAH ... ALL WE HAVE TO DO IS WALK IN!
W... WALK IN ... IN T... THERE?
THAT'S RIGHT, PALMER ... ARE YOU READY TO START WALKING?
THOSE ARE BONES! H... HUMAN BONES! I... I'M NOT GOING IN THERE! NOT FOR ALL THE TREASURE IN THE WORLD!
THAT SUITS ME, PAL ... YOU'VE MADE YOUR LAST GRIPE!
OH... HHH!
HOW ABOUT YOU, HARRIS? ARE YOU WALKING IN, OR DO YOU SHARE THE SAME FEELINGS AS OUR SPINELESS FRIEND?
W... WHY NO, KARL ... ONLY DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE SMARTER IF ONE OF US REMAINED OUTSIDE TO WATCH THE STUFF? Y... YOU KNOW HOW THESE NATIVES ARE! NO POINT TRUSTING 'EM OUT HERE ALONE!
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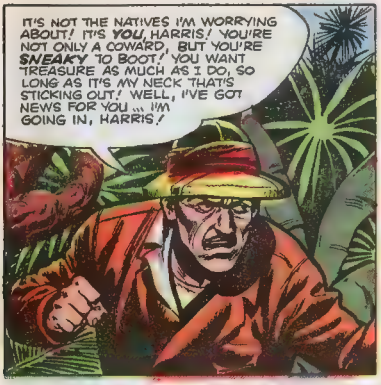
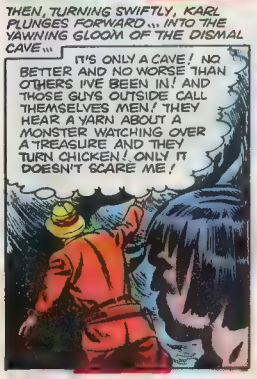

IT'S NOT THE NATIVES I'M WORRYING ABOUT! IT'S YOU, HARRIS! YOU'RE NOT ONLY A COWARD, BUT YOU'RE SNEAKY TO BOOT! YOU WANT TREASURE AS MUCH AS I DO, SO LONG AS IT'S MY NECK THAT'S STICKING OUT! WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU ... I'M GOING IN, HARRIS!

BUT YOU CAN KEEP PALMER COMPANY 'TIL I GET BACK!
OW...WW!


THEN, TURNING SWIFTLY, KARL PLUNGES FORWARD ... INTO THE YAWNING GLOOM OF THE DISMAL CAVE ...
IT'S ONLY A CAVE! NO BETTER AND NO WORSE THAN OTHERS I'VE BEEN IN! AND THOSE GUYS OUTSIDE CALL THEMSELVES MEN! THEY HEAR A YARN ABOUT A MONSTER WATCHING OVER A TREASURE AND THEY TURN CHICKEN! ONLY IT DOESN'T SCARE ME!

I'VE SEARCHED TOO LONG AND TOO HARD TO GIVE UP NOW! I WOULDN'T CARE IF THERE WERE A DOZEN MONSTERS. I'D STILL GET THAT TREASURE!

I'D GET IT IF ... THAT LIGHT! THAT CHAMBER UP AHEAD! IT'S FILLED WITH ... IT IS ... IT'S THE TREASURE OF LAKOONDA!

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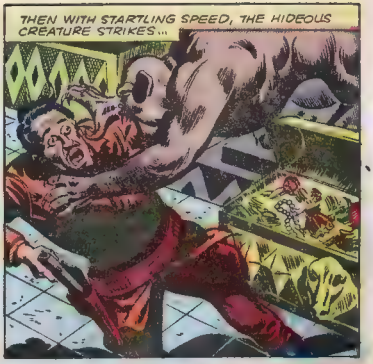
BUT SUDDENLY...
GROWRRRR!
N...NO! I ... IT CAN'T BE!



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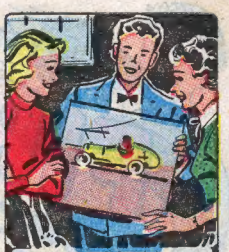

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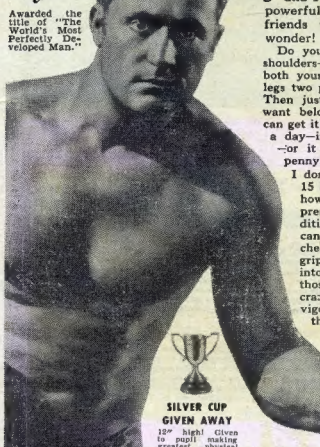

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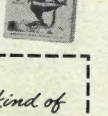

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